

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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Property/District Name: Kastner-Keck House Survey Number: CR-1353
Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Kastner-Keck House, located on a rise southeast of New Windsor Road and south of Westminster in Carroll County, MD., is not eligible for listing on the National Register.

The property is the remnant of the John Henry Keck truck farm, on which corn, wheat, cherries and onions were raised in the first decade of the 20th century. Three period buildings remain on the site, including a dwelling, built ca. 1900; a bankbarn, built in the 1920s; and the 19th-century summer kitchen.

The dwelling is a two-story, three-bay frame structure set upon a stone foundation and built into a hillside so that the rear elevation extends a full three stories in height. The house is covered with a gable roof with a front catslide extending over a double-story porch. A small one-story frame hyphen connects the main house to the summer kitchen at its rear. The kitchen is a narrow, one-room building covered with a gable roof and featuring a brick end chimney. The building is clad with board and batten siding. The house and its attached kitchen are typical of the vernacular domestic building of the period and lack the architectural distinction and integrity to qualify for individual listing under Criterion C.

The large bank barn, built in the 1920s, is set upon a stone foundation built into the hillside, and is covered with a gable roof. The walls are clad with contemporary siding that detracts significantly from the historic appearance of the barn building.

As a whole, the Kastner-Keck property is typical of the many truck farms which clustered around Westminster, and which not only provided a good market for the farm goods, but good connections to Baltimore by means of the Western Maryland Railroad and a well-developed marketing infrastructure. With the loss of many of the farm buildings, and the modifications to the surviving ones, the property does not survive as a good example of its type, nor is it known to have associations with persons or events significant to our past. The property is thus not eligible to the National Register under Criteria A, B, or C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Williams 2/21/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable
Bk 4/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Subsistence/Barn

Known Design Source: _____

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
Modern Period 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture
Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1353

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Kastner-Keck House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 600 Windy Hill ☐ not for publication

city, town Westminster ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Madeleine Keck Engler

street & number 600 Windy Hill telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION 7.1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca.1900, 1920's

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION 8.1

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale _____

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11. Form Prepared By

city or town	Baltimore	state	Maryland
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Kastner-Keck House
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This site located on a rise southeast of New Windsor Road and south of Westminster is a remnant of the John Henry Keck truck farm, on which corn, wheat, cherries and onions were raised in the first decade of the twentieth century. Only three period buildings remain: the probable turn of the century dwelling constructed by Kastner, a bank barn, constructed by Keck in the 1920's, according to the current owner, and the summer kitchen which is presently connected to the house by means of a connection located at the foundation level. The buildings have been sheathed with vinyl siding.

The house replaced one which burned. It is basically a two-room up, 2-room down plan, with the winter kitchen originally located in the basement before the room in the south was converted to cooking purposes. The west elevation is the principal entrance facade, with the entry to the south room by means of a centered doorway. The two story porch, which is parallel to the north-south orientation of the gabled roof, is carried on replacement supports, and no longer provides a porch at the second level.

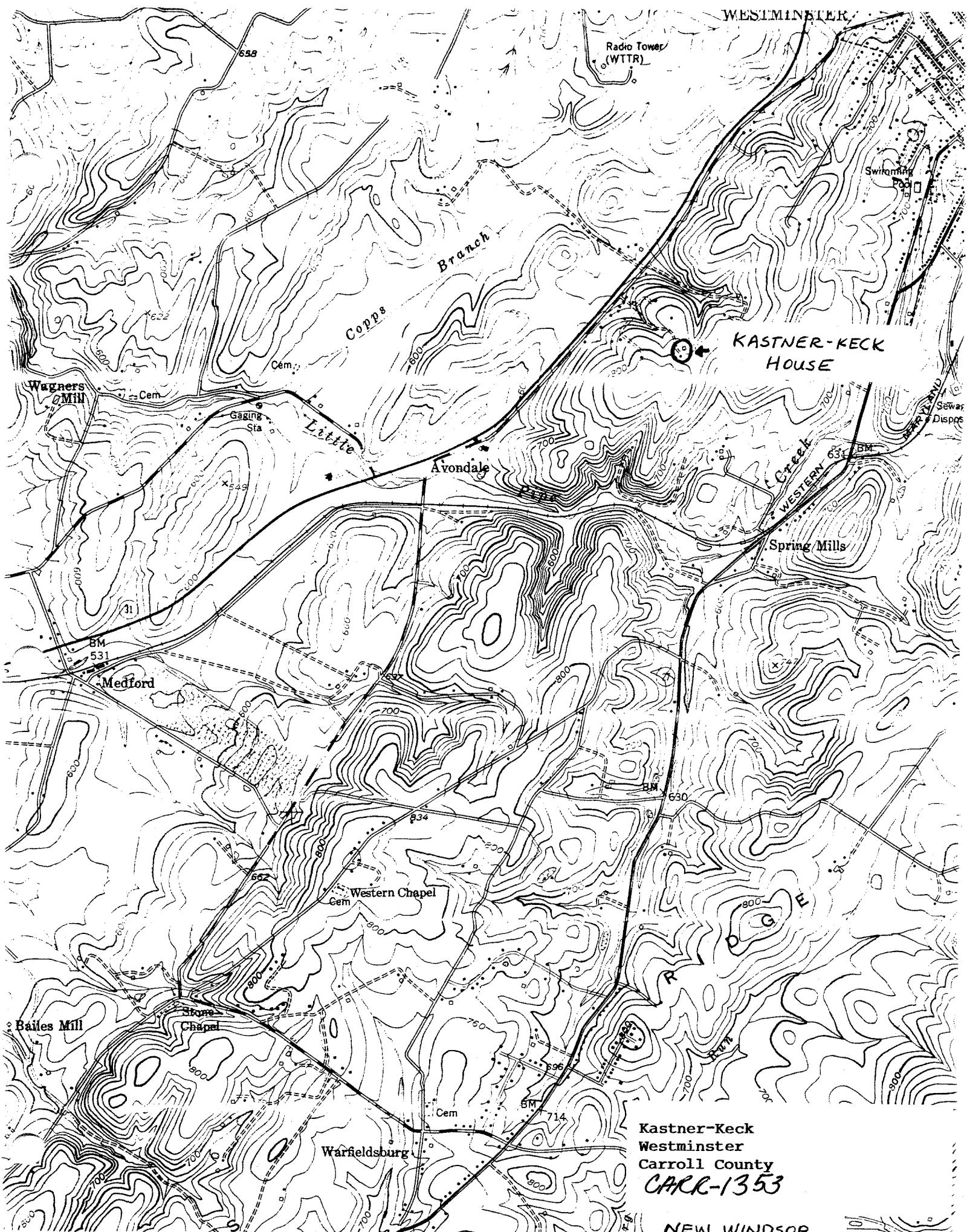
It is built into a slope on the southeast side, thus the stone foundations of the basement level are exposed on the north side. A doorway at the second level over the principle entrance once gave egress to the second level of this porch, no longer extant. A small section between the southernmost window of this west facade and the end wall under the porch at both levels has been enclosed to provide bathroom facilities.

The summer kitchen has been clad with vinyl siding and a connection between it and the dwelling was constructed at the foundation level and also clad with siding. The frame barn clad with vinyl is built into the western slope, thus exposing three levels on the east side.

Kastner-Keck house
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

The Kastner-Keck house, summer kitchen and barn constitute the sole remnants of the probable turn of the century Keck truck farm. It is typical of the many truck farms which clustered around Westminster, which not only provided a good market for the farm goods, but good connections to Baltimore by means of the Western Maryland Railroad and a well developed marketing infrastructure. With the loss of the remaining farm buildings, and modification of the dwelling, plus cladding of the barn with vinyl, the site does not evoke a strong association with the past.



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